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Number of cases booked against single-use plastic use drops drastically as compared to last year; drive takes backseat as BBMP resources get stretched and state pollution board vigil becomes lax

PLASTIC PERIL & PAPER TIGER

Number of cases in 2022-23: 45,000; in 2023-2024: 34,000; in 2024-2025: 11,000

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"While not every shop in the city can be raided and checked, shopkeepers hide the banned items as soon as marshals go for surprise checks. They have developed efficient ways to inform each other —Official

Crackdown on banned plastic items in Bengaluru has lost steam since the Single-Use Plastic (SUP) ban was imposed by the Central government in 2022.

Data provided by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) shows that the total number of cases booked, banned plastic seized, and penalties collected have reduced drastically.

Between June 2024 and May 2025, BBMP booked a little over 11,000 cases by seizing 9,641 kg of banned plastic items, leading to Rs 53.7 lakh in penalty amount. In the corresponding period last year (2023-24), nearly 34,000 cases were booked, and Rs 1.09 crore was raised in penalty amounts.

The statistics were even better in 2022-23. Between July 2022 and May 2023, more than 45,000 cases were booked, 58,497 kg of illegal plastic items were seized, leading to Rs 1.29 crore as a penalty.

According to a source from BBMP, the drive has taken a backseat due to various reasons, including no collaborative raids by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).

"The drive has slowed down as collaborative raids along with KSPCB on manufacturing units are not taking place. BBMP conducted these raids in the first year of the ban. Now we are cracking down on the sale of SUPs in the city limits. Surprise raids and regular checks are being conducted in KR Market,

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Pay & use pinch

User charges introduced for washrooms at 12 metro stations; passengers, civic activists pan plan

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Commuters using the Bengaluru Metro will now have to pay to use toilet facilities at select stations, as the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has officially implemented user charges at 12 stations, ending the previously free access to washrooms. This move has drawn widespread criticism, especially coming on the heels of a steep fare hike introduced in February 2025, with fares going up by as much as 71% on certain routes.

The new pay-and-use model is currently in place at eight Green Line (elevated) stations —National College, Lalbagh, South End Circle, Jayanagara, Rashtriya Vidyalaya Road, Banashankari, Jaya Prakash Nagar, and Yelachenahalli. Additionally, four Purple Line (underground) stations have also implemented the charges —Sir M Visvesvaraya Stn Central College, Dr. BR Ambedkar Stn Vidhana Soudha, Cubbon Park, and Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station.

According to sources within BMRCL, the plan is to gradually extend these user charges to more metro stations across the network, citing the need for better upkeep and maintenance of toilet facilities. However, the move has not gone down well with many commuters and citizen groups.

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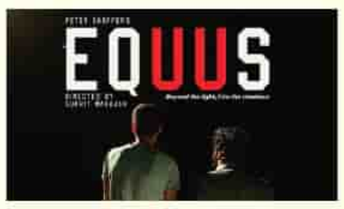
THINGS TO DO

01 Theatrical journey



Playhouse is presenting 'Equus', a psychological drama that delves into the mind's primal corners.
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar;
When: May 24, 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm

02 Pet fest

Pet Fed is presenting its Express Edition Pet Festival. Pets are in for a treat as the event offers an exclusive play area, a pet fashion show, a pet talent show, pet shopping stalls, and food and beverages for your beloved companions.
Where: Phoenix Mall of Asia, Yelahanka;
When: May 25, 11 am

03 Scrap magic

The Museum of Art and Photography is organising 'The Scrappy Puppet Tales' workshop, where kids will become puppet creators using all sorts of cool scrap and junk. It's a hands-on adventure where imagination takes centre stage.

Where: Museum of Art and Photography, Ashok Nagar;
When: May 19 to May 24

04 Bollywood bliss

Rekha Bharadwaj will be transporting the audience to a musical bliss with her distinctive voice at 'Humari Atariya Pe', a bollywood concert.
Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield;
When: June 1, 7 pm

05 Comedy hub

Nirmal Pillai will be performing in 'South Side Samurai', an hour long stand-up show, where he will be bringing his YouTube persona live on stage.

Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Shanthala Nagar;
When: July 12, 8 pm

District chemotherapy centres to enhance accessibility

With treatment made available closer to home, centres are expected to drastically reduce travel time and expenses, significantly benefiting patients

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Many cancer patients are forced to travel far for treatment, resulting in high dropout rates

In a significant move aimed at bridging the gap between rural and urban healthcare delivery, the Karnataka government is rolling out District Day Care Chemotherapy Centres (DCCC) across the state under a hub-and-spoke model. The initiative seeks to decentralise cancer care and improve accessibility, particularly for patients in remote areas.

As per the latest report by the Indian Council of Medical Research–National Cancer Registry Programme (ICMR-NCRP 2023), Karnataka records nearly 70,000 new cancer cases annually. The most common types include breast cancer (18%), cervical cancer (14%), oral cancer (12%), lung cancer (8%), and colorectal cancer (6%). Alarmingly, the incidence rate of oral cancer in the state stands at 12 cases per one lakh population, surpassing the national average. Similarly, breast cancer incidence among women is 35 per lakh, and cervical cancer affects 15 per lakh women.

However, access to chemotherapy remains a challenge. According to Health Department officials, nearly 60% of cancer patients in Karnataka are forced to travel over 100 km, often to major cities such as Bengaluru, Hubballi, or Mysuru, for chemotherapy sessions. This not only causes logistical strain but also leads to high dropout rates of up to 30%, as patients struggle with the costs and effort involved in repeated hospital visits.

An official said that the DCCC project has been conceptualised to address these challenges and deliver equitable, cost-effective, and continuous cancer care at the district level. "The model involves establishing district-level 'spoke' centres connected to tertiary 'hub' hospitals via Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), allowing for shared resources, referrals, and training," said the official.

Each unit will have a dedicated medical team, including a visiting medical oncologist, trained nurses, a physician, a pharmacist, and a counsellor

Under this framework, hub hospitals, which are tertiary cancer centres, will continue to provide advanced clinical services such as complex treatments, specialised diagnostics including PET-CT scans and molecular profiling, as well as training and telemedicine support. They will also monitor treatment quality and guide spokes in clinical decision-making.

The spoke centres, or DCCCs, will focus on delivering outpatient chemotherapy to stable patients, particularly adjuvant and palliative chemotherapy. These centres will also conduct basic pre-treatment diagnostics, maintain a drug inventory, and provide essential support services such as pain management, counselling, and palliative care. Each unit will have a dedicated medical team, including a visiting medical oncologist, trained nurses, a physician, a pharmacist, and a counsellor.

With treatment available within home districts, travel time and expenses will reduce drastically, significantly benefiting patients. The out-of-pocket expenditure is expected to decline by up to 40%, and the convenience of local treatment is likely to enhance adherence and reduce dropout rates.

Additionally, the DCCCs are expected to help decongest tertiary care centres, allowing them to focus on complex cases. The district-level centres will also integrate with national screening programs like the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NPNCD) to ensure early detection and timely intervention.

Each DCCC will function according to pre-approved treatment protocols aligned with the essential medicine list of the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST). The performance of these centres will be closely monitored using key indicators such as patient turnout, treatment completion rates, adverse event tracking, and cost comparison with private sector benchmarks, said a Health Department official.

Public urged to report officials not following park timings

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has set the official timings for public access to parks from 5 am to 10 pm. Preeti Gehlot, Special Commissioner of the Forest, Environment, and Climate Change Department, has appealed to the public to file a complaint if park officials deny entry during these hours. There are 1,287 parks under BBMP jurisdiction. To make them more accessible, park timings were revised, with the circular issued by the Chief Commissioner on June 12, 2024, mandating the parks to be open from 5 am to 10 pm. The circular strictly prohibits denying public entry to parks during these hours. Citizens are urged to report any such denial with photographic evidence to BBMP.

How to report?

If a park is found closed or entry is denied between 5 am and 10 pm, complaints can be lodged via BBMP helpline number 1533, WhatsApp number 9480685700, or through the Help 2.0 app. The public can also email the Chief Commissioner's office at comm@bbmp.gov.in or the Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, and Climate Change) at scfeccm2024@gmail.com, attaching photographic proof. **–BMB**

Demand for restructuring of SSLC exam

A growing chorus of students and parents is urging the Karnataka government to urgently restructure the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) examination system, aligning it with Central Board patterns such as Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE). The demand comes in the wake of rising concerns over perceived academic injustice faced by students under the current State Board evaluation system. Representatives of major private educational associations, along with education experts, highlighted the stark differences between the evaluation methods of CBSE/ICSE boards and Karnataka's SSLC system. They pointed out that the discrepancies are resulting in significant academic disadvantages for students in the state.

The demand comes in the wake of rising concerns over perceived academic injustice faced under the State Board evaluation

In CBSE and ICSE, the minimum passing score is set at 33%, which includes marks from internal assessments. For instance, if a student secures 15 out of 20 in internal evaluation, they need only 18 out of 80 in the written exam to pass. In contrast, Karnataka's SSLC mandates a minimum of 35% in the 80-mark written exam. Internal assessment marks in Karnataka are considered only for overall result computation, not for qualifying purposes. This rigid approach, parents argue, is unfair to students who may perform well throughout the year but face challenges in the final exam.

Sandhya Kumar, a parent, opined that the current system puts children at a disadvantage when compared to their CBSE counterparts. "The evaluation method should be student-friendly and reflect their year-long efforts," Sandhya said. **–BMB**

As rain eases off, it is time for windy weather

City will see increasing surface winds over next few days, bringing cooler, breezy evenings without significant rain

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Bengaluru is expected to witness a steady increase in surface wind speeds over the coming days as the westerly winds strengthen with the approaching monsoon. According to an update from Namma Karnataka weather on the X portal, "Currently blowing at around 8–9 knots (approximately 15 kmph), the 10-metre winds are forecast to pick up significantly. By May 24, wind speeds are likely to touch 15–17 kmph by 8:00 am and further intensify to 25–30 kmph by the afternoon of May 25 in Bengaluru. Between Sunday evening and Wednesday evening, wind speeds are expected to range between 16 and 30 kmph. These gusty surface winds are typical during the pre-monsoon phase and signal the seasonal transition. Residents can expect cooler evenings and a breezy atmosphere, with no significant rain threat for the city during this period."

Monsoon surge alert

In sharp contrast to Bengaluru's mild weather, the coastal districts of Karnataka and the Western Ghats are bracing for a period of intense rainfall from May 23 to June 2. The Namma Karnataka weather portal updated that a dual weather system — one over the Arabian Sea and another over the Bay of Bengal was expected to usher in the southwest monsoon with force. Meteorologists have warned of heavy and sustained rains across Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada, and parts of the Malnad region, including Kodagu, Shivamogga, and Chikkamagaluru.

This early monsoon surge is expected to bring a significant deluge across Kerala, Goa, coastal Karnataka, and the Western Ghats. While the early onset rains typically allow the land to absorb moisture gradually, two key factors could heighten the risk this year — excessive moisture from the twin systems and increased terrain instability due to unregulated developmental activities. These conditions raise the potential for localised flooding, landslides, and tree falls, particularly in vulnerable hilly areas, the report said.

Travel advisory

"People planning travel to popular coastal destinations such as Mangaluru, Udupi, Karwar, Honnavar, and Gokarna are advised to remain cautious. The intensity and spread of rainfall could disrupt travel plans and pose safety risks in these areas. Similarly, visitors to hill districts in the Western Ghats should stay alert to potential landslides and road blockages. Authorities may issue alerts as the situation develops," Namma Karnataka weather update stated.

Monsoon tease

Despite the widespread monsoon activity elsewhere in the state, Bengaluru is expected to enjoy a relatively calm and pleasant pre-monsoon period. With moderate wind speeds and passing drizzles, the city will experience cloudy skies, and occasional light showers, without the threat of heavy rainfall

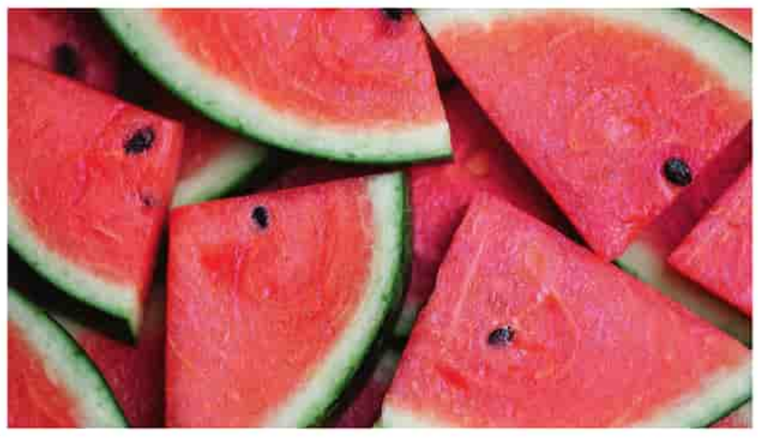
Monsoon advancing gradually

Meanwhile, a weather update from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) stated that a low-pressure area continues to persist over the east-central Arabian Sea off the Konkan-Goa coast. This system is likely to move northward and may intensify into a depression over the next 36 hours, with potential for further strengthening. Meanwhile, the monsoon's northern limit currently passes through a wide arc from the Arabian Sea to northeastern India.

Advertorial Promotional Feature

BM Food & Night Life

Bite into summer with these five fruits



There may be a million reasons to curse the scorching summer sun, but here are five fruits you ought to be thankful for. If you haven't included these minerals, proteins and vitamins-rich fruits in your summer diet yet, do it before it's too late.

Watermelon: Owing to its large amount of water content, watermelon keeps you hydrated during the summer. But most importantly, Lycopene, a red carotenoid pigment present in the fruit helps in preventing sun damage and keeps the skin cells protected.

Lychee: Lychees are very high in Vitamin C, protein, citric acid, fat, iron and phosphorus, all of which are essential for the human body during summer. Owing to its high Vitamin C content, lychee can help boost your immunity against seasonal allergies.

Guava: Guava is a sodium-free, low calorie fruit, that is also high in Vitamin C. It helps prevent diarrhea, dysentery, cough, cold, etc, which are common ailments experienced in a tropical country like ours.

Berries: Available especially towards the end of summer and the beginning of the monsoon, berries are rich in phosphorus, iron, calcium, and Vitamin C. Apart from being effective in preventing gout attacks, berries also help ward off urinary tract infections, common in women during this season.

Pineapple: Pineapples contain a high amount of Bromelian enzyme that helps in the digestion of fats and proteins. It also has anti-inflammatory properties. **— Femina**

State pushes for cleaner ration distribution system

Verification results must be published within seven days, and card status lists displayed for three months at ration shops, ward notice boards, and govt websites

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In a significant step to ensure that subsidised food grains reach only deserving families, a report by the sub-committee of the Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission, presented to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday, proposed an intensive ground-level verification drive. The aim is to identify and eliminate ineligible ration card holders under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Household (PHH) categories. The verification process will be carried out at the ward level in urban areas by specially constituted teams, in an effort to make the distribution system more transparent and accountable.

Those who voluntarily surrender their cards will not be given this window

Ward teams to conduct on-site checks

As per the new guidelines proposed by a sub-committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, each urban ward will have a three-member verification team comprising two members from the vigilance committee and one revenue officer or sanitation worker. These teams will visit households and verify the eligibility of ration card holders based on four exclusion criteria outlined by the state. The verification work must be completed within one month of receiving the list from the respective Urban Local Body (ULB).

Transparency through public disclosure

To maintain transparency, the report proposed that ULBs are mandated to publish the findings of the verification exercise within seven days. Lists of cardholders recommended for retention, suspension, or cancellation will be displayed for a period of three months at Fair Price Shops, on government websites, and on ward notice boards. If a cardholder is found ineligible due to the death of the original cardholder, their family will have a three-month window to revalidate their eligibility and claim benefits under a new or updated card. However, those who voluntarily surrender their cards will not be given this window.

> **"The Food Inspector will act on the final verification results within one month by cancelling, suspending, or converting PHH cards to Non-Priority Household cards."** –report

Public objections and appeals

"After the preliminary list is released, a 15-day window will be given for the public to raise objections. Objections can be submitted either in person or online with appropriate supporting documents. The Food Inspector is required to cross-check at least 15% of the verified list to ensure accuracy. Following the resolution of objections, final lists of eligible and ineligible beneficiaries will be published again at all public locations and online", the report stated.

Action and timelines

The report recommended that the Food Inspector will act on the final verification results within one month by cancelling, suspending, or converting PHH cards to Non-Priority Household (NPHH) cards. An Action Taken Report (ATR) will be submitted to the district-level office to ensure record-keeping and accountability. If a beneficiary has not availed rations for six months or fails to respond to notices within three months, the card may be suspended. If the suspension exceeds three months or if exclusion criteria are met, the card will be converted to NPHH. In cases of voluntary surrender, proven fraud, or the death of the cardholder, the card will be cancelled outright.

Appeals and grievance redressal mechanism

To safeguard the interests of eligible beneficiaries, the government has set up a robust appeals process. Any individual aggrieved by the decision of the ULB, Gram Panchayat, or Food Inspector can file an appeal before the District Grievance Redressal Officer (DGRO) within 30 days. Appeals can be filed online through an end-to-end digital platform and must be resolved within 30 days. During this period, appellants will continue to receive ration benefits. If the DGRO's decision is delayed or found unsatisfactory, a further appeal can be made to the State Commission, the report added.

Better upkeep, maintenance guaranteed?

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'Bad' example

Critics say that charging people to use washrooms shows that BMRCL has run out of better ideas to earn money. They believe it's the metro's basic duty to provide clean and usable toilets, especially since metro trains don't have any onboard washroom facilities like regular trains do. Many feel this move sets a bad example and goes against the idea of "Namma Metro" being a service for the people. With the recent 71% fare hike already affecting commuters, adding charges for toilets has only made things worse.

Rajkumar Dugar, founder of the citizens' collective Citizens for Citizens (C4C), condemned the move, saying, "Charging users of the metro for washroom access is completely unacceptable. It only exposes BMRCL's lack of ideas to raise revenue. Our representatives must step in to reverse this anti-user decision before it damages public trust any further."

Reasons behind the introduction of user charges

The decision by the BMRCL to introduce user charges for toilet facilities is driven by a combination of practical and financial considerations. Sources reveal that one of the primary reasons is the persistent maintenance challenges faced at existing free toilet facilities. Issues such as clogged toilets, unhygienic conditions, and improper disposal of sanitary waste have made upkeep difficult. By introducing a nominal user fee, BMRCL aims to ensure better cleanliness and more reliable maintenance.

Additionally, the recent metro fare hike, capped at a steep 71%, reflects broader financial pressures on the system. Rising operational and maintenance costs have pushed the corporation to explore alternative revenue streams, including paid ancillary services like washroom facilities.

This approach is not unique to Bengaluru, metro systems in other cities such as Delhi and Chennai have already adopted pay-and-use models for toilet access, especially in non-paid areas of stations.

Future plans

While sources indicate that BMRCL plans to extend the pay-and-use toilet system to additional stations across the network, metro users, civic groups and regular commuters, view the decision as both unjustified and anti-user.

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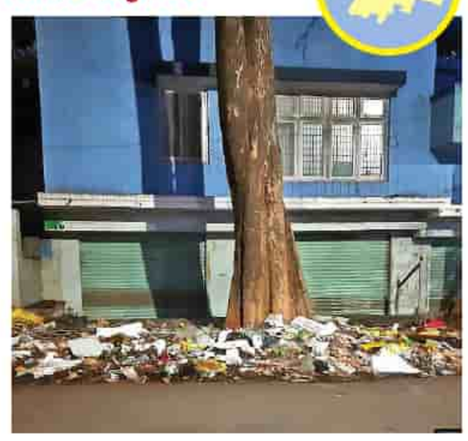
Waste zone
ISRO Layout



Heaps of garbage continue to pile up in the upscale ISRO Layout, posing a serious health hazard to residents. Locals fear a potential disease outbreak if authorities fail to intervene promptly.

Banner violation
Sampangi Ramnagar

Despite a directive from the High Court, the BBMP Commissioner has yet to file an FIR against illegal banners and cut-outs of political party MLAs and their supporters in Sampangi Ramnagar and Shivajinagar.

Road danger
D'Souza Road

On D'Souza Road, rain has washed debris from dug-up trenches across the surface, creating hazardous conditions for two-wheelers. Several riders have skidded, and a few have fallen due to the slippery stretch.

TV comedian accused of abuse

A complaint has been filed against television personality Madenuru Manu, known for his appearance on the Kannada comedy show 'Comedy Khiladigalu'. The complainant, who is also an artist, alleges repeated sexual assault, emotional manipulation, and financial fraud by the accused.

According to the complainant, she became friends with Manu in 2018 during their time on the comedy reality show. She claims that despite being married and a father, Manu pursued a relationship with her under false pretences. On November 29, 2022, during a program in Shivamogga, Manu allegedly entered her hotel room under the pretext of giving her payment and sexually assaulted her. The complaint further details that on December 3, 2022, he visited her residence and forcibly tied a marital thread around her neck, simulating a marriage without her consent. The woman states that Manu continued to sexually assault her multiple times, during which she became pregnant on two occasions. In both instances, she alleges he forced her to undergo abortions by giving her pills at home.

CRIME FILES

3,000 turtles seized at Airport

Bengaluru Customs officials seized over 3,000 red-eared slider turtles at Kempegowda International Airport on Wednesday. The turtles were being smuggled from Malaysia.

Acting on a tip-off, officials caught two passengers, Gopinath Manivelan and Sudhakar Govindaswamy, who had concealed the turtles in chocolate and cereal boxes inside their luggage. They were carrying 1,672 and 1,280 turtles, respectively.

Officials said the two were working as carriers for an international wildlife smuggling network. Their role was to collect the turtles in Malaysia and hand them over to someone waiting outside the Bengaluru airport. In return, they were given free travel, stay, and pocket money.

The turtles, usually 4 to 10 inches in size, are commonly sold in the open market, often kept as pets for spiritual reasons. All rescued turtles were sent back to Kuala Lumpur. Customs has registered a Wildlife Offence Report.

ED investigates payment to trust

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has reportedly found a 40 lakh transaction between gold smuggling accused Ranya Rao and an education trust linked to Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara.

According to sources, the money was paid towards Ranya's credit card bills and was allegedly diverted from an educational trust. The payment was reportedly made on the instructions of an "influential individual," but officials say no proper documents or vouchers were found to back the transaction.

Following this, the ED carried out raids on Wednesday at Sri Siddhartha Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Sri Siddhartha Institute of Technology, and the institute's office in Tumkur. The Medical Sciences Institute located in T Begur, on the outskirts of Bengaluru, was also searched. All these institutions are chaired by Minister Parameshwara.

The ED also traced hawala operators and buyers who admitted to purchasing smuggled gold from Ranya and later selling it to jewellers. One company even showed her as a labour supplier and paid her several crores.

Covid symptoms resurface, officials urge precautions

City reports 19 mild cases between May 7 and 14, with patients showing fatigue, body pain; experts say cases may rise briefly as schools reopen

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In one week (between May 7 and May 14), Bengaluru logged 19 Covid-positive cases across the city. Out of these, Yelahanka and Mahadevpura zones recorded 5 cases each, Bengaluru West registered 3 cases, and Bengaluru East had two.

City-based healthcare experts say that while the symptoms are there is no need to be alarmed; the number of cases is going up since the first week of May.

An official from BBMP's Health Department confirmed rising cases in the city.

"The number of cases is going up. We have received some calls from private hospitals asking for referral centres. However, the government, so far, has not designated referral hospitals yet," said the official.

One of the private hospitals in the city confirmed hospital admission of a 58-year-old Covid-19 patient.

"We have admitted the patient as his blood oxygen level was below 90. This is mainly because of comorbidities such as asthma, heart issues, diabetes, and hypertension. They were also experiencing difficulty in breathing," confirmed a representative of Aster Whitefield Hospital.

However, officials from the Health Department and city-based hospitals say the reported cases have mild symptoms and do not require hospitalisation.

"Mostly, patients are coming in with body pain, fatigue, and other mild symptoms that go away in five to seven days.

Health officials say reported cases show mild symptoms and don't need hospitalisation

Most of these people also have a travel history. However, all are responding to routine treatment. We are asking for home isolation along with treatment," said Dr Basavaraj S Kumbar, Consultant- Internal Medicine, Aster Whitefield Hospital.

Doctors have also busted the myth around the possibility of intense symptoms as the effect of the Covid-19 vaccine wanes.

"Infection from the current variant is very mild, and there is no need to set the panic alarm.

> **"For those above 50 years of age, it is advisabe to get an annual flu vaccine and a pneumonia vaccine every five years** –Healthcare expert

However, for those above 50 years of age, it is advisable to get an annual flu vaccine and a pneumonia vaccine every five years. Those in the age group of 13 to 50 should go for an annual flu vaccine. Nonetheless, in case of infection, it is wise to follow regular COVID protocol to protect other family members," said a healthcare expert.

With school summer vacation coming to an end, there might be a sudden surge in the number of cases with mild symptoms, however, it is expected to settle down over the days to come.

IN BRIEF

Pub theft suspect arrested

The Subramanyanagar police have cracked the case of an armed robbery at Geometry Brewery & Kitchen in Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, with the arrest of the accused in Odisha.

On May 12, between 1.30 am and 4 am, an unknown individual broke the backdoor lock of the pub, threatened the office boy with a weapon, and stole ₹50,000 in cash from the owner's drawer. Based on CCTV footage and informant tips, a team led by PSI Girish M tracked the suspect to Jajpur village in Odisha's Gajapati district. The accused was arrested on May 16 and brought to Bengaluru on May 17 after obtaining a transit warrant.

During interrogation, the accused confessed to the crime. Police recovered ₹6,000 in cash and the cutting pliers used in the burglary. He revealed that he had previously worked in various hotels and pubs in Bengaluru since 2016 and had a prior arrest in 2021 for attempted theft in Koramangala. Facing financial difficulties, he resorted to robbery.

A case has been registered at the Subramanyanagar Police Station. **BMB**

Autorickshaw driver dies after scuffle

A 24-year-old driver has been arrested by the Rajgopal Nagar police for allegedly killing an autorickshaw driver during a drunken brawl on Sunday night.

The deceased has been identified as Rangaswamy. The accused, Vinay Kumar, is a resident of Basavanakatte. According to the police, Rangaswamy, who was drunk, was creating a nuisance in his locality, shouting and hurling abuses at people passing by. Annoyed by the disturbance, Vinay confronted him and asked him to calm down. A heated argument broke out, and in the scuffle, Vinay allegedly pushed Rangaswamy, who fell and suffered a severe head injury.

Rangaswamy was rushed to Victoria Hospital but died the next day. The police have registered a case, and further investigations are underway. **BMB**

Man nabbed with ganja

The Cantonment Railway Police arrested a 23-year-old worker red-handed with 4.6 kg of ganja on board the Prashanthi Express.

The accused, Sridhar Kisan, a native of Keonjhar village in Odisha and working as a daily wager in the city, was nabbed as soon as he got off the train at Cantonment station. He was walking suspiciously on the platform with a bag when Assistant Sub-Inspector Ravi R, who was on patrol, noticed him trying to slip past the checks.

Upon inspection, ASI Ravi found the ganja packed inside the bag. During questioning, Sridhar told police that he sourced the drugs from his contacts and sold them in the city to make extra cash.

He has been booked under the NDPS Act. **BMB**

Recruitment row: UAS faces heat over UGC norm violation

Petitions in Karnataka High Court challenge mandatory written test, citing UGC regulation breach

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Agricultural Universities in the country are generally expected to follow the University Grants Commission (UGC) norms while recruiting the teaching staff. An agricultural university may have its own specific requirements in addition to the UGC norms but it has no authority to change the UGC norms.

AS Pavan, a resident of Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, has filed a petition before the Principal Bench of the High Court challenging the recruitment process initiated by the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore. In a letter dated May 21, addressed to the Principal Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and the Registrar of UAS, GKVK Campus, Pavan alleged that the recruitment violates the UGC Regulations, 2018, along with other legal and procedural issues.

"It is respectfully brought to your kind attention that a similarly placed petitioner, Shri Narasappa, a resident of Singanodi village in Raichur, has filed Writ Petition No. 203428/2024 before the Kalaburagi Bench of the Honourable High Court of Karnataka, challenging another notification and recruitment process on identical legal grounds. The said petition has been granted an interim stay order by the Honourable Kalaburagi Bench, recognising the prima facie violation of statutory norms and potential illegality in appointments," Pavan stated in the letter.

HC stay in similar case raises questions on UAS recruitment process legality

> **UGC norms cannot be altered by state or university; UGC's authority is superior in recruitment matters, emphasising strict adherence**
>
> –KC Shankare Gowda

One of the central allegations is that a State Government notification mandates a written test for 40 marks for candidates applying for teaching posts. However, as per UGC Regulations, selection of teaching staff should be based on a scorecard method that evaluates academic and research credentials transparently, without insisting on a written test.

Critics say this written examination undermines transparency, as candidates have no access to details on how marks are awarded. "There is no clarity on the evaluation. Candidates are kept in the dark about how someone was awarded 30 or 40 marks. The UGC's scorecard approach is more accountable and uniform," said a candidate familiar with the matter.

KC Shankare Gowda, former member of the Board of Management at UAS, Bangalore, stressed that the UGC guidelines must be strictly followed. "The State Government or the UAS cannot alter UGC norms. In my view, the UGC regulations take precedence over any state or institutional provisions when it comes to teaching appointments," he said.

However, Dr TK Prabhakara Shetty, a current member of the Board of Management, declined to comment directly, stating that the matter is sub judice. "A few universities do follow additional norms, along with the UGC guidelines. Recruitment through State Government Orders has been a long-standing practice. The court will take a final call on the legality of this arrangement," he said.

The Registrar of UAS, when contacted, said he was unaware of the writ petition filed by Pavan. "We have been recruiting teaching staff in accordance with both the UGC regulations and the directions given under the State Government Order," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor of UAS also weighed in on the matter, clarifying that the interim stay issued by the Kalaburagi Bench pertains to a separate notification. "Yes, some individuals approached the Kalaburagi Bench against the conduct of written exams. The Bench issued a stay in that case. However, the High Court has not granted any interim order in connection with the writ petition filed against our current notification to recruit Assistant Professors," he said.

Pavan expressed hope in the judiciary. "I have full faith in the Honourable High Court. I believe that truth and fairness will prevail in my case," he said.

Meanwhile, some candidates have urged the UAS authorities to reconsider moving ahead with the recruitment process. They argue that the complaints raised in both the Kalaburagi and Bengaluru petitions are nearly identical, and it would be prudent for the university to pause the process until the court delivers a conclusive judgment.

Use of banned items persists

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Madiwala Market, and Chickpet Market," said a BBMP official.

Nearly three years ago (on July 1, 2022), the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) directed all states, including Karnataka, to impose a strict ban on 19 single-use plastic (SUP) items. As per the rule, anyone caught using, selling, manufacturing, distributing, importing, or stocking these products will be penalised.

The items include earbuds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, thermocol for decoration, plastic plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packaging films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packets, PVC banners less than 100 micron and stirrers.

The thickness threshold for the ban was increased to 120 microns. Earlier, every plastic item below 75 microns in thickness was banned.

However, banned items continue to be used rampantly across the city. Plastic carry bags and other banned plastic items, such as straws, can be found openly with vendors and shopkeepers. Even paper cups, plates, and wrapping films are being openly sold everywhere.

Officials say, seizures are also less as shopkeepers have excelled in the art of concealing banned items during the raids.

"While not every shop in the city can be raided and checked, shopkeepers hide the banned items as soon as marshals go for surprise checks. They have developed efficient ways to inform each other. Moreover, BBMP marshals also lack bandwidth due to their active involvement in other activities such as door-to-door garbage collection, revenue collection, etc," said the official.

As per CPCB's guidelines, while the KSPCB was expected to impose fines on defaulter producers of SUPs, BBMP was to impose penalties on retailers, sellers, and users of these banned items.

KSPCB says the Board is regularly conducting inspections/raids of different entities in the State in coordination with Local bodies.

"Ban on SUP and its enforcement is a continuous drive. We are closing down industries that are into the production of banned items," said Lingaraja SS, member secretary, KSPCB.

However, statistics regarding the quantity of banned SUP seized and penalties imposed narrate a different story, showcasing lax vigilance and enforcement.

In 2022-23, KSPCB inspected 1,25,661 entities and seized 620 MT of banned plastic items and recovered Rs 394.45 lakh in fines. However, in 2023-24, the Board inspected only 22,192 entities to seize 169 MT of SUP and imposed Rs 101.9 lakh fine. This went down to inspection of 18,111 industries, 223.09 MT of plastic seized, and Rs 63.78 lakh imposed as a fine.

City-based solid waste management experts demand a dedicated team to implement the plastic ban. They also said that the lack of partnership between BBMP and agencies such as KSPCB, and also with citizens as volunteers, has led to poor enforcement.

Odette Katrak, co-founder of Beautiful Bharat, a citizen volunteer group, underlines that wholesalers

should be penalised. Katrak also underlines that Karnataka banned SUPs back in 2016. Good enforcement was visible up until 2019, and was possible due to a strong citizen-BBMP partnership, which needs to be restarted.

"Inflow of banned plastic into the system was in check earlier, but now it is everywhere. Why isn't KSPCB shutting manufacturing units anymore? For any behavioural change, the penalty imposed has to be severe. Word spreads, and it has a strong deterrent value - that's not happening anymore. Marshalls' uniforms are recognised, and banned items are quickly hidden. We need a plainclothes squad that can operate more effectively. Local volunteers who are also customers will gladly provide tip-offs of regular violators," said Katrak.

Wildlife selfies? Think twice!

Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre on Thursday issued a stern warning against the dangerous practice of clicking selfies or photographs with wild animals while traveling through forest routes. He stated that legal action will be taken against such offenders.

This warning follows a viral video that surfaced earlier in the day, showing a group of tourists trying to take selfies with a wild elephant near the fourth curve of the Charmadi Ghat in Belthangady taluk, Dakshina Kannada district.

In response, the Minister has directed forest officials to identify the vehicle registration numbers of those involved and take strict action. "Stepping out of vehicles in forest areas is a punishable offence," he said. Khandre warns against irresponsible acts. **–BMB**

TN sees Cauvery surge

Whenever there is scanty rainfall in Karnataka, it often leads to inter-state water sharing issues with Tamil Nadu. However, Tamil Nadu has ended the current water year—from June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025—on a positive note, with a significant inflow of Cauvery water.

According to a Times of India report, Tamil Nadu recorded a total realisation of 300 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) at the inter-state border, well above the Supreme Court-mandated quota of 177.25 tmcft. This increase follows recent rainfall that has also boosted water levels at the Stanley Reservoir in Mettur. This is a sharp turnaround from the previous water year (2023–24), when Tamil Nadu received only 81 tmcft due to a poor monsoon. A senior Water Resources Department official said the Mettur now holds 78 tmcft, with an inflow of 12,800 cusecs. **–BMB**

Metro phase 3, Ramanagara renamed

The Karnataka Cabinet has approved Phase 3 of the Namma Metro project, estimated at 40,424 crore. Deputy CM DK Shivakumar stated that the tendering process will begin soon, with discussions underway on adopting a hybrid model for tunnel construction. A final decision will follow technical talks with the Chief Minister.

In a key administrative move, the Cabinet has cleared the renaming of Ramanagara district to 'Bengaluru South'. Despite the new name, Ramanagara will remain the district headquarters. The change reflects the area's growing integration with Bengaluru. Cabinet annouces OTS scheme for BDA allottees, temples, institutions. **–BMB**

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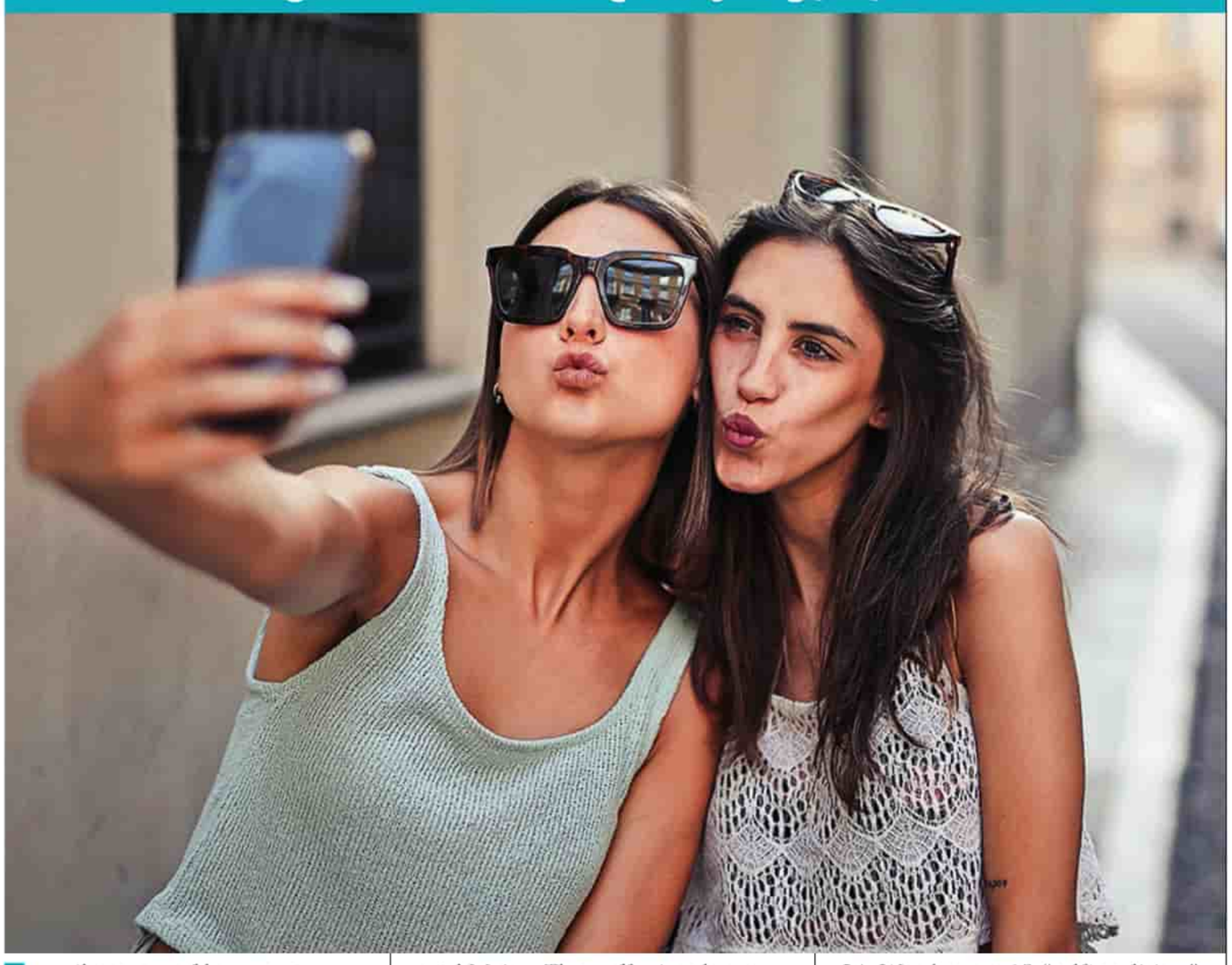
'PERFECT BODIES, PERFECT LIVES'

How selfie-editing tools are distorting how young people see themselves



Like many of her peers, Abigail (21) takes a lot of selfies, tweaks them with purpose-made apps, and posts them on social media. But, she says, the selfie-editing apps do more than they were designed for:

"You look at that idealised version of yourself and you just want it – you just want it to be real [...] the more you do it, the better you get at it and the more subtle your editing is the easier it is to actually see yourself as that version."

Abigail was one of nearly 80 young people my colleagues and I interviewed as part of research into selfie-editing technologies.

The findings, recently published in New Media and Society, are cause for alarm.

They show selfie-editing technologies have significant impacts for young people's body image and wellbeing.

Carefully curating an online image

Many young people carefully curate how they appear online. One reason for this is to negotiate the intense pressures of visibility in a digitally-networked world.

Selfie-editing technologies enable this careful curation.

The most popular selfie-editing apps include Facetune, Faceapp, and Meitu. They offer in-phone editing tools from lighting, colour and photo adjustments to "touch ups" such as removing blemishes.

These apps also offer "structural" edits. These mimic cosmetic surgery procedures such as rhinoplasty (more commonly known as nose jobs) and facelifts. They also offer filters including an "ageing" filter, "gender swap" tool, and "make up" and hairstyle try-ons.

The range of editing options and incredible attention to details and correction of so-called "flaws" these apps offer encourage the user to forensically analyse their face and body, making a series of micro changes with the tap of a finger.

A wide range of editing practices

The research team I led included Amy Dobson (Curtin University), Akane Kanai (Monash University), Rosalind Gill (University of London) and Niamh White (Monash University).

We wanted to understand how image-altering technologies were experienced by young people, and whether these tools impacted how they viewed themselves.

We conducted in-depth semi-structured interviews with 33 young people aged between 18-24. We also ran 13 "selfie-editing" group workshops with 56 young people aged 18–24 who take selfies, and who use editing apps in Melbourne and Newcastle, Australia.

Most participants identified as either "female" or "cis woman" (56). There were 12 who identified as either "non-binary", "genderfluid" or "questioning", and 11 who identified as "male" or "cis man". They identified as from a range of ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds.

Facetune was the most widely-used facial-editing app. Participants also used Snapseed, Meitu, VSCO, Lightroom and the built-in beauty filters which are now standard in newer Apple or Samsung smartphones.

Editing practices varied from those who irregularly made only minor edits such as lighting and cropping, to those who regularly used beauty apps and altered their faces and bodies in forensic detail, mimicking cosmetic surgical interventions.

Approximately one third of participants described currently or previously making dramatic or "structural" edits through changing the dimensions of facial features. These edits included reshaping noses, cheeks, head size, shoulders or waist "cinching".

Showcasing your 'best self'

Young people told us that selfie taking and editing was an important way of showing "who they are" to the world.

As one participant told us, it's a way of saying "I'm here, I exist". But they also said the price of being online, and posting photos of themselves, meant they were aware of being seen alongside a set of images showing "perfect bodies and perfect lives".

Participants told us they assume "everyone's photos have been edited". To keep up with this high standard, they needed to also be adept at editing photos to display their "best self" – aligning with gendered and racialised beauty ideals.

Photo-editing apps and filters were seen as a normal and expected way to achieve this. However, using these apps was described as a "slippery slope", or a "Pandora's box", where "once you start editing it's hard to stop".

Young women in particular described feeling that the "baseline standard to just feel normal" feels higher than ever, and that appearance pressures are intensifying.

Many felt image-altering technologies such as beauty filters and editing apps are encouraging them to want to change their appearance "in real life" through cosmetic non-surgical procedures such as fillers and Botox.

As one participant, Amber (19), told us: "I feel like a lot of plastic surgeries are now one step further than a filter."

Another participant, Freya (20), described a direct link between editing photos and cosmetic enhancement procedures.

> Ever since I started [editing my body in photos], I wanted to change it in real life [...] That's why I decided to start getting lip and cheek filler.

Altering the relationship between technology and the human experience

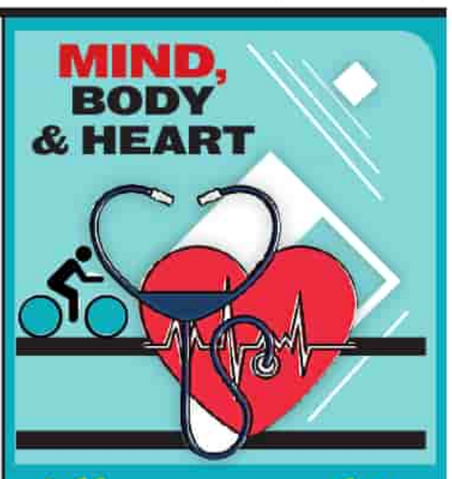
These findings suggest image-editing technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) filters and selfie-editing apps, have significant impacts for young people's body image and wellbeing.

The rapid expansion of generative AI in "beauty cam" technologies in the cosmetic and beauty retail industries makes it imperative to study these impacts, as well as how young people experience these new technologies.

These cameras are able to visualise "before and after" on a user's face with minute forensic detail.

These technologies, through their potential to alter the relationship between technology and the human experience at the deepest level, may have devastating impacts on key youth mental health concerns such as body image.

(By Julia Coffey, University of Newcastle, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Mouth taping

Beware

Do you follow the social media trend of taping mouth while sleeping to help breathe from the nose instead of mouth? Beware, it could pose serious asphyxiation risks. Asphyxiation is a condition where oxygen is deficient in the body, often leading to impaired breathing or suffocation.

Mouth breathing

When the nasal passages are blocked, breathing switches from the nose to the mouth. Mouth breathing has been linked to sleep-disordered breathing, which includes conditions ranging from snoring to obstructive sleep apnoea, where breathing stops and starts frequently during sleep.

Dangerous trend

However, a recent trend amplified by social media has some people taping their mouths shut at night to treat sleep-disordered breathing by preventing mouth breathing. Mouth taping has been recommended by many social media influencers and celebrities who claim it can lead to better sleep, enhanced oral health, and anti-ageing results. "Our research shows that taping the mouth shut during sleep is dangerous, especially among those who may not be aware they have sleep apnoea," said Dr. Brian Rotenberg, an otolaryngologist and sleep surgeon at Western University, UK.

Makes symptoms worse

"These individuals are unknowingly making their symptoms worse and putting themselves at greater risk for serious health complications like heart disease," he added. The practice "can make existing sleep-disordered breathing worse by restricting airflow, putting additional stress on the respiratory system, and increasing the risk of suffocation when patients experience a nasal obstruction" the team said, in the paper, published in the journal PLOS One. Serious nasal obstruction could result from conditions such as hay fever, chronic rhinitis, deviated septum, sinonasal disease, or enlarged tonsils. —IANS

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Govt issues order to safeguard avenue trees from concrete

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Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre has instructed the Additional Chief Secretary of the Department of Forestry, Ecology and Environment to issue a government order to safeguard avenue trees across Karnataka, including in Bengaluru.

The Minister has expressed concern regarding avenue trees concretised up to the trunk due to concrete slathered on the bases of trees during road repair work.

"It is necessary to instruct the local bodies to immediately clear concrete around tree trunks and place breathable tiles around the bases of all avenue trees. Trees in cities such as Bengaluru, Mysuru, Hubballi, Mangaluru, etc. are sustaining damage due to this reason. This is a violation of the National Green Tribunal's order that stated that a one-meter radius of space around the trunk of a tree be left un-concretised and filled with soil," said the Minister in a letter addressed to ACS on Thursday.

However, no timeline has been given to execute this work.

The instruction was given after the issue was highlighted by Vijay Nishant, founder of Project Vruksha and a member of Bengaluru's BMC.

Nishant, in a written complaint to Khandre, had highlighted that the issue of tree root concretization is omnipresent, and thousands of roadside trees are suffering.

In his complaint, Nishant requested the Minister for a statewide directive through a government order (GO) to all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), including BBMP, and District Forest

Minister says it is necessary to instruct local bodies to clear concrete around tree trunks and place breathable tiles around

Offices to conduct tree health audits and begin deconcretization work in compliance with NGT rulings.

The letter also requested instructions given to the Forest Department and Municipal Corporations to jointly identify such avenue trees through regular inspections and maintain a public-facing dashboard of progress made at the ward level.

"We have requested the minister to enforce strict penalties on individuals, engineers, contractors, or agencies who allow others to or themselves concretise tree bases while carrying out public work. This will serve as a deterrent and ensure accountability. There should also be steps taken towards the formation of ward-level green committees with citizens and RWAs to report violations and assist in restoration," said Nishant.

Hate speech case: HC halts proceedings

The Karnataka High Court issued an interim order, halting all proceedings against BJP MLA Harish Poonja, who was accused of delivering a hate speech at a temple event in Mangaluru earlier this month.

Justice S Rachaiah, presiding over a vacation bench, issued the order whilst hearing Poonja's petition to nullify the FIR dated May 4, registered under Section 196 and 353 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

The court stated, "Having considered the stay granted in all three (other) FIR's registered against the petitioner, passed by the coordinate bench of this court, it is approrpiate to grant stay as prayed for, till the next date of hearing June 18."

BJP MLA Harish Poonja was accused of delivering a hate speech at a temple event in Mangaluru

The defence counsel highlighted that no adverse incidents occurred following the alleged statements, and there was insufficient evidence to support the registered offences. The state government's counsel contested the petition's admissibility, citing the filed chargesheet and suggesting petition amendment.

The state's counsel additionally noted that in the area where the speech occurred, all communities, regardless of religion, had collaborated harmoniously, with minorities offering their land for shamiana installation.

However, the petitioner's speech was deemed potentially inflammatory. They referenced a Supreme Court ruling mandating suo-motu cases for such incidents.

The complainant's counsel emphasised that "Our is a Constitutional country and not a religious country like any other country, therefore this sought of attitude, let the law take its own course, let there be a trial and there is sufficient evidence since chargesheet has been filed."

FIR against Malviya, Goswami: Probe halted

The High Court issued an interim order on Thursday halting further investigation into an FIR against BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya and Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami. The case involved allegations of spreading false information about Turkey's Istanbul Congress Centre being the international office of Congress party.

During the hearing, vacation judge Justice S Rachaiah considered the petition to dismiss charges under sections 192 and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which deal with riot provocation and intentional insult leading to breach of peace.

Senior Advocate Arun Shyam, representing Goswami, stated: "The petitioner has aired a programme where he has questioned that Turkey is against our national interest. Why does the political party have to have an office in that country? That was his opinion expressed in a news channel. The same content is published in digital content where inadvertently a picture was posted of the political parties office but that was not the actual picture of the party. By oversight the junior editor posted it and immediately we clarified it. Absolutely there is no case made out."

The prosecution contested the plea, highlighting continued dissemination of information despite corrigendum. They cited a Supreme Court judgement in Madhya Pradesh Minister Vijay Shah's case, advocating for continued investigation. They also noted police efforts to serve notice in Delhi.

After reviewing the records, the bench issued notice to respondents and granted the interim order. The High Grounds police station received the initial complaint on Tuesday from Shrikant Swaroop BN, Indian Youth Congress legal cell head.

Discussion on caste census in cabinet 'incomplete'

The discussion on the Social and Educational Survey report, popularly known as 'caste census', at the Karnataka cabinet meeting on Thursday was "incomplete" and it will be discussed again on a later date, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil said.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil says it will be taken up again at a later date after getting certain details

Most of the Ministers have submitted their opinion on the survey in writing to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

"The cabinet today once again discussed the Social and Educational Survey report, the discussion was incomplete. The Chief Minister had earlier asked the cabinet ministers to give their opinion in writing and most of the ministers' opinions have reached the Chief Minister except three or four," Patil said.

He said, "the subject will be discussed in the next cabinet meeting or the one after that, after getting certain details and studying them."

The cabinet meeting on May 10 had decided to defer again any decision on the report, to discuss it in detail, as additional information was provided to Ministers. It is learnt that additional volumes of the survey report, including the taluk wise and district wise population data were provided to the Ministers at that meeting. —PTI

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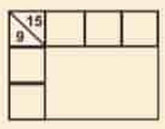

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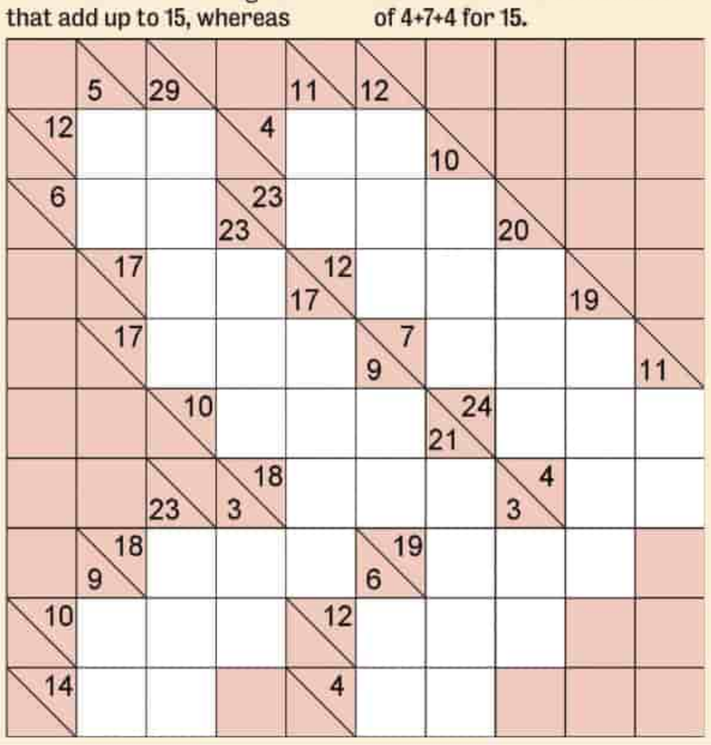

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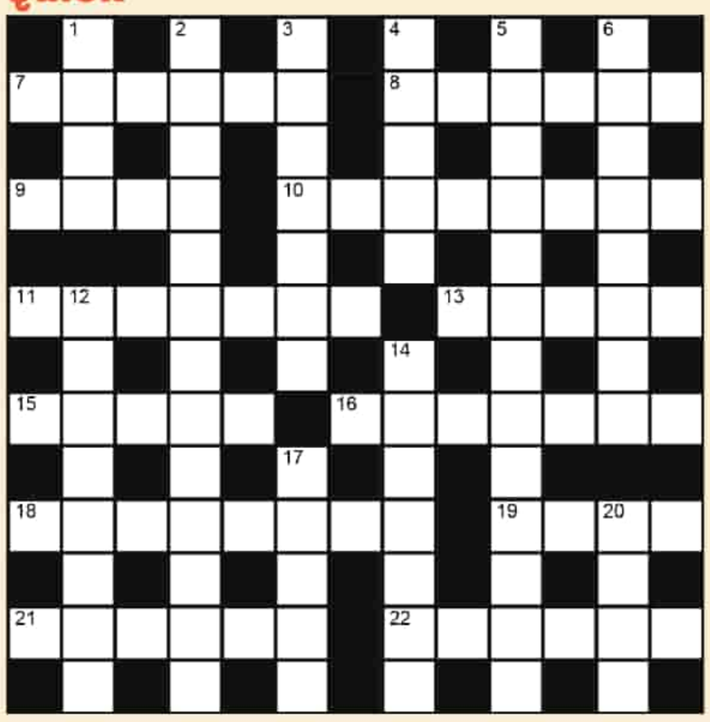


ACROSS

7 Benevolent or compassionate (6)
8 ___ off: Cheated (6)
9 English Royal House 1461 – 85 (4)
10 Omar of J&K (8)
11 Tired, eroded or corroded? (4,3)
13 Flight of steps (5)
15 Range (5)
16 Tennis legend Roger ___ (7)
18 Strikes, has an impact (8)
19 The hearing organs (4)
21 Spoke or talked in public (6)
22 Conclude (6)

DOWN

1 Fourth largest asteroid (4)
2 Items or ideas for discussion (7,6)
3 Lockjaw (7)
4 Buying and selling (5)
5 Let the cat out of the bag ? (5,3,5)
6 Family member (8)
12 Encore, for the second time please? (4,4)
14 Detonates or causes to begin or start (4,3)
17 Festival that marks the beginning of the Kannada new year (5)
20 Hurry (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: O EQUALS G

NXV QVAYUE XJSI YI J LJU'Q SKIV KQ LJEV RD YI UYNXKUO WRN NXV XJWKNQ XV XJQ JAGRKCVE ERCKUO NXV IKCQN XJSI.

Linemaro

So what directory should I look at for your heart's number?

Mindchow

The flesh endures the storms of the present alone; the mind, those of the past and future as well as the present

Joke of the day

Politicians are wedded to the truth, but like many other married couples, they sometimes live apart

Loop

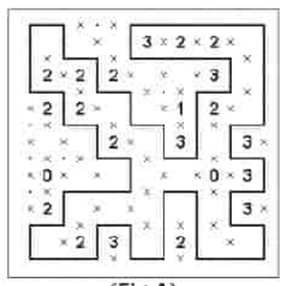
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

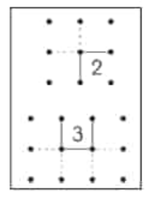
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

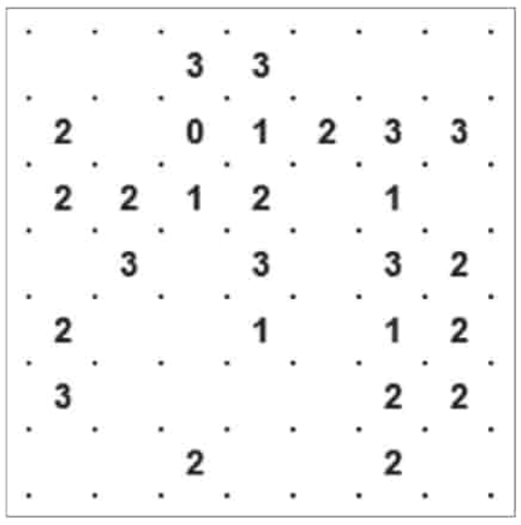
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



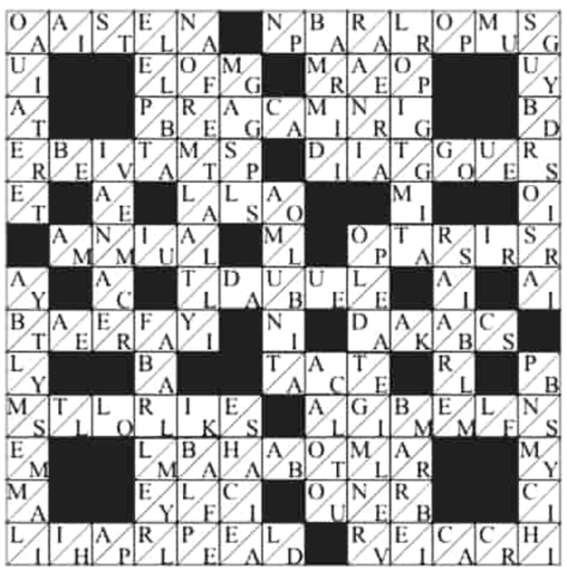
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2 P	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 D puss; 6 E teen; 7 I rob I; 8 Or duo; 9 T spun

DOWN

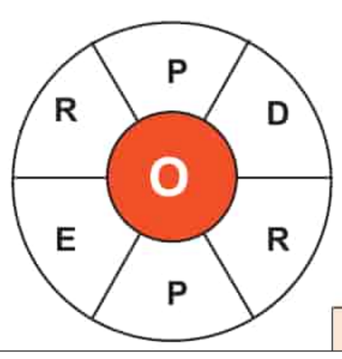
1 To sop; 2 Prude; 3 I noun; 4 Tubed; 5 Its SR

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the grid?

3	5	2	8	7
2	9	1	4	3
1	4	3	9	1
4	6	3	5	2
J	X	I	Z	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 12 Good; 14 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	9	6			5	2	1	
				1			8	
					6			7
3		4				7	6	
7			2		3			9
	5	9				3		2
6			1					
	7			5				
	1	2	7			6	9	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 23

1 4 9 9

Medium = 28

5 4 4 3

Hard = 3

5 7 9 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

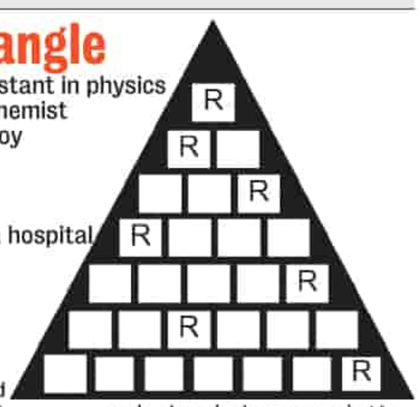
Differences: 1. Page is added to newspaper. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Back of chair is shorter. 4. Tool handle is not showing. 5. Hedge is longer. 6. Roof is different.

Riddler

Do me in to do the law. So you can do me out. Do me through, do me to ground, bive me away, you lout. Do me down or do me up but up I'll get a heart. Do me when you are in camp to get an early start. Do me fast when I'm the day, so fast I get a neck. Do me even, to a horse, Take five-oh what the heck. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Universal gas constant in physics
2 Radium, for the chemist
3 Damage, or destroy
4 Wander
5 Grinding tooth
6 Usual
7 Social worker in a hospital



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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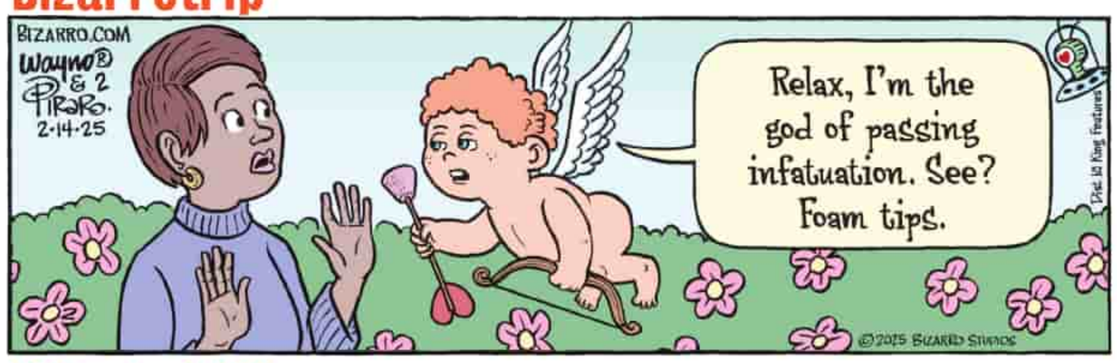

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may spend money on family-related matters, which could strain your financial health. Avoid unnecessary expenses and think carefully before making decisions. Be mindful of your words—being too blunt may create tension both at home and work. Aim for thoughtful communication to maintain harmony.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
A positive atmosphere surrounds you today, possibly sparked by good news from siblings. Job seekers may find favorable opportunities. Your spiritual awareness is heightened, helping you make wise decisions. Students are likely to stay focused and perform well in their studies. Clarity of purpose will guide your actions.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
You may feel low and physically drained today. Confusion and self-doubt could make it difficult to make decisions. Trust your intuition and avoid risky travel or adventure activities. Self-criticism may damage your confidence, potentially affecting your social image. Take things slow and seek support if needed.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is favorable for financial gains with minimal effort. Past losses may turn into profits through wise decision-making. You might consider further education or contribute to charity, bringing you emotional satisfaction. Students perform well, and investments in intellectual pursuits could pay off.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Your professional performance shines today, earning support from seniors. New job offers or career advancement opportunities may arise. Job seekers are likely to find promising roles. Romance may blossom at the workplace, especially for singles. It's a good day to focus on your career and relationships.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Destiny seems to be in your favor. Confidence runs high as you successfully manage various tasks. A spiritual visit or charitable activity may bring peace of mind. Short business trips are possible. Family support, especially regarding romantic matters, may help love birds progress toward marriage.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today might feel emotionally taxing, and minor health issues could interfere with your routine. You may reflect on your flaws and feel isolated, even in social settings. Stay grounded—by the evening, elder guidance may help you regain clarity and emotional balance.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Business prospects improve as new orders or partnerships take shape. Innovative ideas at work may bring future success. However, your workload could leave you mentally exhausted, affecting your home life. Balance work and rest to maintain harmony in both areas.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You perform well at work today, with support from colleagues helping you complete pending projects. Lending money for investment might prove beneficial. Job seekers could receive offers. There's encouraging news for those with lingering health issues, bringing hope and relief.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Circumstances are improving, and people around you begin to respond positively. Avoid viewing life as a burden—resilience is key. Challenges may arise, but elder support helps you navigate through. Confusion over goals clears, helping you move forward with renewed focus.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may struggle with mood swings and incomplete tasks. Patience will be tested, and minor mistakes could disrupt your flow. In matters of love, uncertainty may affect emotional bonds. Avoid unrealistic expectations and care for your parents' wellbeing. Students need to work on concentration.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
With your team's support, you can finally complete long-pending tasks. Expanding your network brings personal and professional benefits. A casual outing with friends or siblings could lift your spirits. Disputes with neighbors may resolve. Students should work to overcome procrastination and stay focused.

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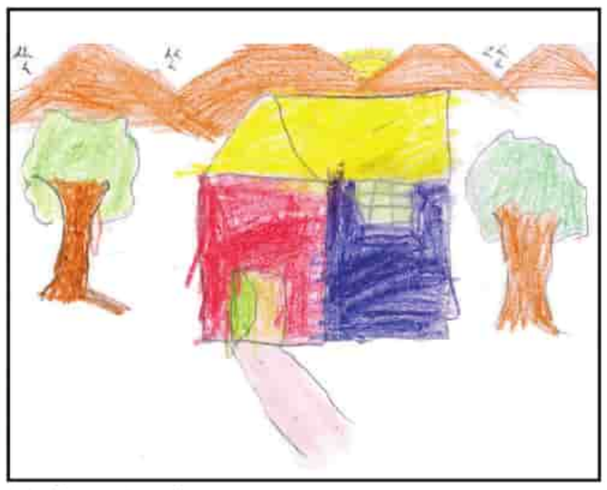

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
(4+5) / (9-6) = 9/3
= 3

BULL'S EYE
doer, dope, drop, DROPPER, order, prod, proper, pored, pope, pore, pored, rode, rope, roped

FAST FIVE

S	P	U	D	S
T	E	N	E	T
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RIDDLER Break

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
The second half of a man's life is made up of nothing but the habits he has acquired during the first half.

QUOTE UNCODE
M. In each column, add up each number and put the letter with this sum in the bottom circle.

SUDOKU

8	9	6	3	7	5	2	1	4
5	3	7	4	1	2	9	8	6
2	4	1	9	8	6	5	3	7
3	2	4	5	9	1	7	6	8
7	6	8	2	4	3	1	5	9
1	5	9	8	6	7	3	4	2
6	8	5	1	2	9	4	7	3
9	7	3	6	5	4	8	2	1
4	1	2	7	3	8	6	9	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Ra, Mar, Roam, Molar, Normal, Almoner.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 9 + 4 + 1 = 23
Medium
5 + 3 x 4 − 4 = 28
Hard
9 − 5 + 6 − 7 = 3

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Imposter alert
Sonu Nigam lashes out at media over wrongly attributed tweet from an imposter on social media

CANNES LOOKS

Janhvi steals hearts in white; Aish makes a statement

Janhvi Kapoor is stealing the spotlight at the Cannes Film Festival with her stunning, fashion-forward looks. Her latest appearance featured Di Petsa's iconic wet-look glamour, turning heads on the red carpet. Among the admirers was her rumored boyfriend,

Shikhar Pahariya, who couldn't help but gush over his "goddess" in awe.

On Thursday, Devara actor Janhvi took to Instagram to share her ethereal white saree look, styled to perfection in Di Petsa's signature drenched aesthetic.

Complementing the ensemble was an elegant blue and green Chopard necklace paired with atching earrings. Janhvi shared a series of stunning shots against the backdrop of the starry Cannes night sky, captioning the post "The white dove."

Janhvi's breathtaking Cannes look drew praise from several film industry stars, including Priyanka Chopra, Ananya Panday, and Sonam Kapoor. But the highlight was a romantic comment from her rumoured beau, Shikhar Pahariya. He wrote in French, "Ma déesse, tu illumines la nuit", which translates to "My goddess, you light up the night."

Royal turn

At the 78th edition of the Cannes Film Festival, Aishwarya gave a grand entrance on the red carpet in a royal ivory Banarsee saree with rose gold and silver details, designed by Manish Malhotra. To add the pop element to the ensemble, she wore sparkling ruby jewels. However, what stole the show was the bright red sindoor, where netizens started speculating the symbolism behind it.

—ETimes

"While many gushed over Janhvi's looks, Aishwaraya's look sparked discussions online"

No comparison

Irish actor Paul Mescal rejected comparisons of his new period romance "The History of Sound" with gay cowboy classic "Brokeback Mountain" on Thursday, saying the only thing they had in common was the characters spend time together in a tent. "The History of Sound," which premiered at the Cannes Film Festival on Wednesday, stars Mescal and Josh O'Connor as Lionel and David, who meet at the Boston Conservatory in the early 1900s and fall in love over their shared love of folk songs.

The couple gets separated when David gets drafted into World War I. After the war, they reunite to hike across Maine in search of oral tradition songs to record, with the adventure having a profound effect on both men. "I don't see the parallels at all between 'Brokeback Mountain' other than the fact that we spend a little bit of time in a tent," Mescal said. —Reuters

Pardon my French

Actress and director Jodie Foster has confessed that despite being fluent in French, she was long hesitant to act in French-language films.

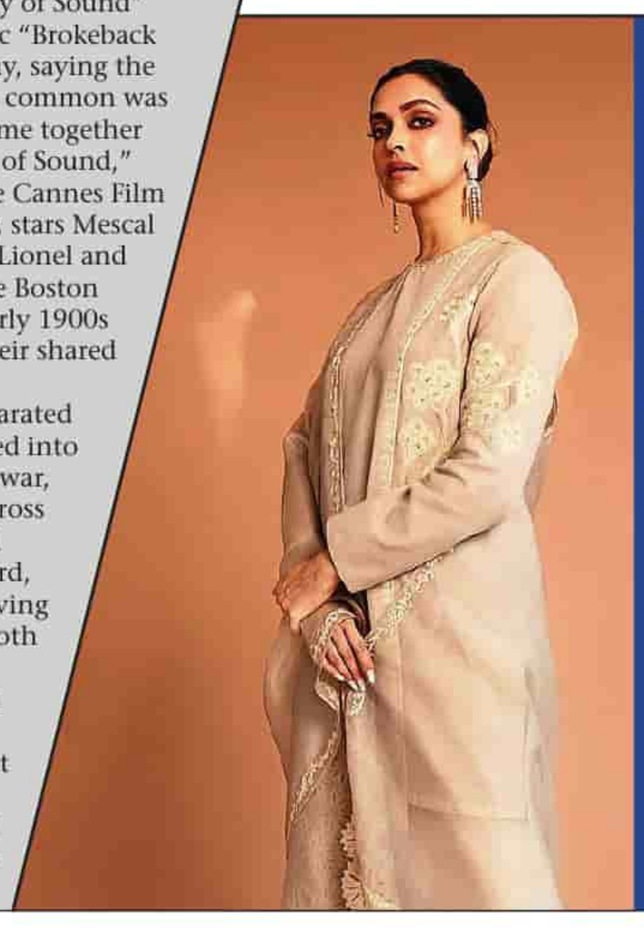
As per Deadline, in an interview at Cannes, Foster discussed her latest film, 'A Private Life,' where she plays a French-speaking psychiatrist.

This role marks her first major French-language part in two decades, following her appearance in Jean-Pierre Jeunet's 'A Very Long Engagement' in 2005.

Foster revealed that she had been offered several projects in French but turned them down due to fear.

"Why didn't I make a film in French? I was afraid," she admitted, adding, "A number of directors offered me projects, but I was too scared to act in French. I thought someone who is familiar with French should do so."

However, she finally took on the challenge with 'A Private Life,' which premiered at Cannes and received a 10-minute standing ovation. Foster noted that acting in French brings out a different side of her. —ANI



Demands on the table

Deepika Padukone's reported demands for Sandeep Reddy Vanga's upcoming film Spirit have stirred quite the debate. From asking for an 8-hour workday and a staggering Rs 20 crore fee to allegedly refusing to speak Telugu for her role opposite Prabhas, the chatter around Deepika's conditions has split opinions. Was she overreaching, or simply asking for what any leading star of her stature deserves? More importantly — why does it still ruffle feathers when a female superstar asserts her worth?

The Demands in Question

As per multiple reports circulating in trade circles, Deepika Padukone laid down a few non-negotiables before coming on board Spirit. Firstly, she requested an 8-hour workday, secondly, she reportedly asked for Rs 20 crore as remuneration — the highest she's charged for a film yet — along with a share in the film's profits. Lastly, she allegedly refused to deliver her dialogues in Telugu, citing unfamiliarity with the language.

Naturally, the rumour mill was quick to brand these as "unreasonable demands," with some even speculating if this could cost her the film. But step back from the outrage, and a fairer perspective begins to emerge as several industry insiders said the demands are justified. —ETimes

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For the farmers

Yet another Kannada movie with focus on rural life and farmers is ready to arrive in theatres shortly. But this film is unique as it is bankrolled by a farmer and is dedicated to farmers. Vasudeva R Doddahejjaji, a farmer, bankrolled the film under the Abhay Kushi Movies banner. Its trailer was unveiled by editor-cum-actor Nagendra Urs at Renukamba Preview Theatre on Tuesday.

"Being a farmer, I am aware of the problems of farmers in rural areas. I agreed to bankroll this movie because of its script that was narrated by director Samarth M," said Doddahejjaji.

Samarth, apart from handling the megaphone, plays the lead in the movie. "Athani is the name of a village. The movie highlights the problems of farmers. Many give speeches stating that they are for farmers but none of them comes to the rescue of farmers when they are in need," he said.

Song unveiled

The song – Kammangi Nan Magane – of the film S/O Muthanna was unveiled amidst thousands of people by actor Sharan and director Pavan Wadeyar at a mall in Mysuru recently. The song's lyrics are written by well-known director Yogaraj Bhat while Sachin Basrur has scored its music.

"I was born in Yadgir and brought up in Hubballi and settled down in Bengaluru. Mysuru is my favourite city and I am very happy to unveil the song in my favourite city," said Sharan.

Thanking the guests, Pranam Devaraj, who plays the lead, said the shooting of the movie was supposed to be held in and around Mysuru but it didn't happen. "I am very happy to have the first song of the movie released in Mysuru," Devaraj said.

Director Srikant Hunasuru said that he was born and brought up in Mysuru. "I am happy to have my movie's song unveiled in my hometown," the director said.

Character actor Rangayana Raghu who plays the father of the protagonist said that Kannada film industry and Mysuru have an everlasting connection. Diya fame Kushee Ravi is paired opposite Devaraj.